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Thousands of school children on track to jail

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Advancement Project released, 'Derailed: The Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Track,' a first-of-its-kind report that looks at how zero-tolerance policies are derailing students from an academic track in schools to a future in the juvenile justice system.

According to the report, in the mid 1980s, a spike in juvenile crime rates gave birth to the "superpredator" theory which held that America was under assault by a generation of brutally amoral young people, and that only the abandonment of "soft" educational and rehabilitative approaches, in favor of strict and unrelenting discipline—a zero tolerance approach—could end the

plague.

"In school district after school district, an inflexible and unthinking zero tolerance approach to an exaggerated juvenile crime problem is derailing the educational process," said Judith Browne, Advancement Project senior attorney. "The educational system is starting to look more like the criminal justice system. Acts once handled by a principal or a parent are now being handled by prosecutors and the police."

The report, which looked at data from school systems across the country, finds that creation of the schoolhouse to jailhouse track has damaged a generation of children — par-

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Black Democratic leaders protest layoffs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leading black Democrats in Congress and the national party are protesting the layoffs of 10 minority staffers at the party's headquarters.

The Democratic National Committee notified some committee members and lawmakers Wednesday that they were cutting the positions to save money and streamline operations in preparation for next year's presidential election.

"I'm just outraged," said Donna Brazile, who served as Al Gore's campaign manager in the last presidential election and is also the chairwoman of the DNC's Voting Rights Institute. "They started reading me the names and I said 'Oh, oh — they're all black. I went through the roof.'"

Brazile said the DNC is making the cuts as part of its goal to raise \$10 million to \$15 million to support the party's presidential nominee.

She proposed that the party cut payroll instead of laying off competent staffers.

DNC communications strategist Jim Mulhall said the committee has hired at least nine new minority staffers in the past month. The committee has more

than 100 employees but did not have a count of the number of minority staffers Wednesday night.

"We are hiring professionals who have the experience to carry the battle against George Bush," Mulhall said. "It's about making the DNC the most effective political organization we can."

Several black Democratic leaders were trying to arrange a meeting with DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe to discuss the layoffs.

"I helped get Terry McAuliffe elected so I have a vested interest in making sure this party is whole and reflective of America," said DNC executive committee member Minyon Moore. "I must tell you that I'm a little bit stunned."

The news quickly spread to members of the Congressional Black Caucus. "It's a time we need sensitivity because it's time to get ready for the next election," said Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Texas. Staff changes have been creating tension at the DNC as the party prepares to take on a popular incumbent president and nine candidates are battling for the Democratic nomination.

Women's Policy Day at Capital huge success



Women's Policy Day organizer, Kelli Drakeford, with Governor James McGreevey and Conference participant April Woodard, correspondent for Inside Edition.

(TRENTON) Governor James E. McGreevey today highlighted his commitment to New Jersey's women and their access to state government during a speech at Women's Policy Day.

"Women of strength, vision, and character have long contributed their energy, efforts, and time in vastly different ways to advance and enhance our society," said McGreevey.

"Through everyday work in schoolrooms and boardrooms, courthouses and in the home, women have had an immense influence on all aspects of our communities and live," he said. "As such, this administration remains firmly committed to ensuring the necessary vision, access and involvement of women at all levels of state government."

Women's Policy Day was organized by Secretary of State Regina L. Thomas, New Jersey Department of Personnel Commissioner Ida Castro, and Assemblywoman Bonnie

Watson Coleman. The day was designed to provide women with an opportunity to learn more about the roles and purposes of state agencies. Participants discussed ways women and state government can form better relationships.

The Governor's Cabinet includes seven women, many of whom met with event participants during the course of the day. Women also hold key positions in all areas of the McGreevey administration: Policy, Personnel, Legal, and Communications. Since McGreevey assumed office, he has successfully increased the presence of women in state government. Nearly 40 percent of the Governor's appointments to statewide boards and commissions have been women.

When women's voices are heard regarding political and social issues, greater attention is drawn to the needs of our families and our future," said McGreevey.

New Jersey's Division of Women has launched a series of

six "roundtables" throughout the state to bring women together to discuss and prioritize a range of important issues. Topics of discussion include "Economic Realities of Being a Woman," "Women's Health Care," and "Women in the Workplace," as well as roundtables on what New Jersey's aging population means for women.

Over the past year and a half, the administration has taken many steps to make women's lives easier and the lives of their families more secure. The Governor recently signed an Executive Order establishing an Advisory Council Against Sexual Violence. And, last year, \$2.1 million was allocated from the Department of Community Affairs to fund sexual assault prevention centers throughout New Jersey. In his address, Governor McGreevey also highlighted the many initiatives taken by the administration to

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Newark Beth Israel Medical Center names Lucia DiNapoli Gibbons to Board of Trustees

Lucia DiNapoli Gibbons, a resident of Jersey City, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.

As a board member, Gibbons will participate in policy-making and management of the medical center's operations, financial affairs and property.

A veteran of the banking industry, Gibbons currently serves as the Northern New Jersey regional president for First Union, which changed its brand name to Wachovia Bank in late July. In this position, Gibbons provides executive leadership to all consumer and commercial banking operations in Northern New Jersey.

Prior to joining First Union, she held several key leadership positions with Fleet, most



recently as executive vice president and regional director of the Small Business Services Division for New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Gibbons' seasoned banking career also includes positions ranging from relationship manager to team leader to structured finance originator at National Westminster Bank, Chemical

Bank and IBJ Whitehall.

Gibbons serves on the Board of Managers for Cancer Care, the Board of Trustees of the Liberty Science Center, the Board of Trustees for the New Community Corporation, the Board of Trustees of the NJN Foundation and the Board of Trustees for Rutgers University. She is also an Honorary Trustee to the Advisory Board of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Leukemia Society and is a member of the New Jersey Women's Forum.

Gibbons was the recipient of the YWCA "Tribute to Women in Industry" award in 1998 and the Executive Women of New Jersey's "Salute to the Policy Makers" award in 2000. She was recognized by Business News - New Jersey as one of its "40 Under 40" and by the Star-Ledger as one of the "New Jersey 10," the state's most powerful women in business.

Gibbons earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Rutgers University and a master's degree in business administration from the Leonard Stern School of Business at New York University, graduating with Beta Gamma Sigma honors.



Nurses Day Awards at Beth Israel — During a Celebration of National Nurses Day 2003 at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey, Nursing Excellence Awards were presented to individuals who have consistently displayed the highest quality care and compassion to patients and their families. Pictured (l to r) are Nancy Shendell-Falik, RN, MA, vice president of Patient Care Services; Patricia Carroll, executive director of Children's Hospital of New Jersey; Jacqueline Helper, RN, a resident of Newark and recipient of the Nursing Excellence Award; Leslie Wright Brown, MS, RN, C, administrative director of Nursing Education, Quality and PI; and Paul Mertz, executive director of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.



NJCU Jazz Scholarships — At New Jersey City University's ninth annual High School Jazz Festival two of the top soloists, Desmond Abrams (second from right) of Union High School and Jamison Earl (right) of Rosa Parks High School in Paterson, were awarded International Association for Jazz Education Scholarships. NJCU's High School Festival is a day-long program that enables high school bands from throughout New Jersey to have their performances critiqued by a guest musician and to attend master classes conducted by NJCU music faculty. The young musicians were congratulated by jazz trombonist Conrad Herwig (second from left) who served as this year's guest critic, and Ed Joffe, NJCU coordinator of jazz studies, wind and brass, and chamber music who directs the Festival.



MCEOC Receives Grant — The South Plainfield branch of Yardville National Bank presented the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (MCEOC) with a \$1,000 operating grant check to help fund awareness of MCEOC's interfaith programs. Pictured at a check presentation are (left to right): Carroll Thomas, MCEOC president and CEO; Susan M. Valentino, vice president; and Michael Griffith, vice president, both of Yardville National Bank. As part of MCEOC's interfaith partners program, the Agency works with a network of local religious organizations to help deliver programs such as emergency food assistance, child care and other services. The Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (MCEOC) is the Federally designated anti-poverty Community Action Agency for Middlesex County, whose programs enable self-sufficiency to low-income households.

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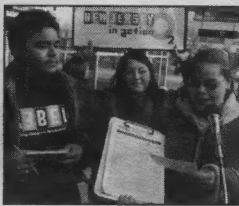
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New Jersey Mobilizes Support For Statewide "Spare The Air" Petition Drive

NJ Breathes and REBEL Raise Awareness about the Dangers of Secondhand smoke



(L to R) Raymond Guzman, REBEL member looks on while Amirah Hamza, REBEL member holds tote board and Elizabeth Velazquez, REBEL member talks to NJ transit commuter about the "SPARE THE AIR" petition. Commuters at the Pavonia/Newport Path station in Jersey City, NJ are among the first to sign New Jersey's "Spare The Air: It's What We Breathe" petition in support of smoke-free air. More than 800 organizations and interest groups in New Jersey joined together recently to launch the 100-day "Spare The Air" Petition Drive to raise awareness about the dangers of secondhand smoke and rally for smoke-free air in workplaces, public spaces, and in every community.

Nation/World BRIEFS

MARLINS FINED — FAILURE TO FOLLOW MINORITY-HIRING GUIDELINES

Connecticut — (Ticker) Major League Baseball reportedly has fined the Florida Marlins a "substantial amount" for failing to follow minority-hiring guidelines when they chose Jack McKeon as their new manager. The 72-year-old McKeon was hired as manager of the Marlins on May 10.

Commissioner Bud Selig has the power to fine teams up to \$2 million if they do not follow the guidelines. In 1999, Selig sent a letter to teams requiring them to notify him about certain job vacancies, including managers.

\$100B APARTHEID REPARATIONS LAWSUIT

NEW YORK (GIN) — Multinational firms including Ford, IBM, Shell and Citibank went to court in New York last week to defend a lawsuit which seeks \$100 billion in reparations for Black victims of South African apartheid.

Working on behalf of the tens of thousands of victims is the legendary reparations lawyer Ed Fagan, who, when working for families of Holocaust victims last year, successfully secured a \$1.25 billion settlement from Swiss banks that kept victims' savings.

In total, 34 international companies are implicated in the present lawsuit, which is using the U.S. Alien Tort Claims Act to seek reparations.

South African President Thabo Mbeki two months ago criticized the lawsuit and all such apartheid reparations lawsuits claiming that they will deter foreign investment in South Africa.

LAWSUIT BY BLACK BIKERS ACCUSES MYRTLE BEACH, S.C., OF BIAS

(Special to the NNPA) — The NAACP has filed two lawsuits against Myrtle Beach, S.C., authorities and a hotel, alleging discrimination against Blacks during the annual BikeFest rally held every Memorial Day.

The civil rights organization and 18 people filed lawsuits in federal court last week alleging that Black bikers who participate in the event are treated differently than the predominantly White bikers who attend the Carolina Harley-Davidson Dealers Association Beach rally.

Diversity symposium collaborates among people of color

Immigrant and native born people of color have similar issues of concern and must work together towards a unified goal, said a diverse group of civic leaders during the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation's (NCBCP) Spirit of Democracy Symposium on Diversity held recently in Washington, DC.

Black and Latino leaders assemble to identify common goals and work towards unified agenda. National Black and Latino leaders and scholars spoke candidly about the perceived tensions as well as shared interests among the groups, a need for better communication across language

and cultural barriers, and the implications these changing demographic trends will have on civic and electoral participation. Noting past issues that have united the communities, including protesting after the 2000 election left many Black voters disenfranchised and the police brutality cases of Black immigrants Amadou Diallo and Abner Louima, the panel addressed common economic and political agendas, and strategies to reach out to newer immigrant communities. "Most native born Blacks share the same backgrounds as recent immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean," said Dr. William Spriggs, a renowned statistician

and director of the National Urban League Institute for Opportunity and Equality. "In truth we're all cousins, we just got off the boat at a different point," Spriggs added. A recent study by Prof John Logan of the State University of New York, shows that 25% of the growth of the Black population between 1990 and 2000 was due to immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean.

These immigrant populations are growing at a faster rate than that of native born Blacks. Additionally, a 2000 Census Bureau report determined that Hispanics have surpassed Blacks as the nation's largest minority. "The Symposium

allowed the panelists to engage in an honest dialogue about the cultural differences as well as the common civic, social and political concerns affecting communities of color," said Melanie Campbell, executive director and CEO of the NCBCP. "This is a first in a series of dialogues being planned by the NCBCP to expand its mission of increasing civic and political participation in the Black community and to remove barriers to civic engagement and voter participation including language, class, and culture."



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Editorial

Nets in Finals again, but lack support

When the New Jersey Nets earned a second berth in the NBA Finals by virtue of sweeping the Detroit Pistons in the Eastern Conference Finals in four games, "so-so" New Jersey fans began speculating "their" Nets are—finally—going to win the title.

Sure, it has been over twenty years since the franchise won the American Basketball Association (ABA) championship in 1976, but the team that fans and critics alike assumed to be a "joke" of the Eastern Conference has steadily risen to greatness.

For the last two years, the Nets' front office made some terrific off season acquisitions to try and bring some "life" to a team that was just a mere walk-over to some of the leagues powerhouses, such as the Los Angeles Lakers.

It all started in on June 19, 2000 when general manager Rod Thorn recruited former three-time world champion Byron Scott as the head coach. Brief controversy arose in mid-July 2001 when the Nets traded Marbury for Phoenix Suns' point-guard Jason Kidd, a deal that has turned out to be another of the turning points in this franchise. All of that, yet one problem still remains...publicity.

Seems that a lot of fans, especially those in the Garden State, are not as thrilled about the Nets' recent accomplishments as they should be.

Basketball heaven may not lie in the confines of the Meadowlands or East Rutherford, but at least give the team credit where credit is due. With the Lakers out of the picture, the Nets face a daunting task in trying to keep the San Antonio Spurs from winning their second title, but the chemistry, ability and intensity remains. Look at it this way, the Devils seem to have their support 24-7...why not their "swamp buddies"? It's a whole new ballgame and this team is pumped up and ready to roll. For New Jersey basketball fans, so should they!

To Be Equal: Reviving America's Spirit of Optimism

by Marc H. Morial
President and CEO National Urban League

Last week I became the beneficiary of a great privilege and responsibility: I was appointed president and chief executive of the National Urban League.

Actually, I can say without hesitation that long before last week I was a beneficiary of the Urban League, too.

For its commitment since its founding ninety years ago to expanding opportunity for African Americans is part of the bedrock of progress which made it possible for me to aspire to, to compete for, and to serve for two years as a senator in the Louisiana state legislature, and then serve two four-year terms as the mayor of that great southern metropolis, New Orleans.

Of course, I wasn't the first African-American to hold that position. My late father, Ernest N. "Dutch" Morial, was Mayor of New Orleans for two terms from 1977 to 1986. Yes, thankfully, there were many factors during the decades of the twentieth century which helped make it possible for my father and I to hold such positions, and for my mother, Sybil Morial, an educator, to have been so involved in the broad civic life of our home city and state.

But there's no question that

I owe a great deal to the long, diligent work of the National Urban League in readying African Americans for full citizenship-and in readying White Majority America for the full participation of African Americans in our nation's stewardship. And there's no question, either, that now the full participation of all Americans in our country's civic life is more critical than ever.

The United States faces a crisis on several fronts that was unimaginable just a few short years ago. In recent weeks we've had fresh, tragic evidence that the murderous intent of some to plunge the world into a whirlwind of violence has not abated, and thus, the global war against terrorism, and the anxiety and uncertainties that attend it, will continue. We've also had fresh evidence that the economic downturn in this country is threatening to grow sharper and widen the gaps that exist in access to capital for business development, and in access to quality education, decent housing, and affordable health care, to name just a few pressing needs.

Even though the alarming statistics on the number of jobs the economy has lost, the number of Americans who are out of work and the number of Americans who are so frustrated they've stopped looking for

work have been submerged by war news, those realities remain, sapping the economic and spiritual strength of the nation. And we've also had fresh evidence recently that the struggle for equal opportunity for all Americans continues.

The University of Michigan affirmative action case now before the U.S. Supreme Court is a fundamental barometer of whether the nation will continue without interruption its just expansion of the boundaries of opportunity. As Americans from all walks of life—from university students to Fortune 500 chief executives to retired top military brass—have said in unprecedented fashion recently, the nation cannot afford to try to halt the racial progress that's been made. To pretend that affirmative action has not been a vital cause of that progress is just that—pretense.

I sought to become head of the National Urban League for the same reasons I entered politics in Louisiana: Because I believe we can make life better for all Americans. I believe we must make life better for all Americans. That belief hardly originated with me, or with my parents. Indeed, the original slogan the founders of the Urban League devised in 1910—"Not Alms, but Opportunity"—spoke volumes. It declared that a hand up, not a

hand-out was what African-American migrants then flooding the cities from the rural South needed in order to adapt to the ways of modern urban life and contribute their fair share to America's greatness.

The founders of the National Urban League had the foresight, and the faith in their fellow human beings, to see that that was the route to progress. And they understood what the great scientist Albert Einstein once noted that in every crisis there is opportunity.

They were confident then that African Americans could overcome the profound barriers that held them from full participation in American life; they were determined that they would. Now, as then, the National Urban League will be part of the mosaic of people and organizations that will improve the quality of life in the United States. We are as confident as our predecessors were of America's ability to overcome the multiple challenges that confront us today, and we fully intend to use our energies to help corral the expertise that exists within America and revive the characteristic American spirit of optimism to reinvigorate for the 21st century the national commitment to expanding opportunity.

World Still Waiting for Proof of Iraq's Supposed Weapons Threat

By Bill Fletcher Jr.

Is it me or does it bother you that the Bush administration hit us over the head virtually every day prior to the invasion of Iraq with the notion that Iraq represented a threat to the United States. Yet, after the invasion, the Bush administration has found neither weapons of mass destruction, nor any other evidence that Iraq was an imminent threat to this or any other country. Nevertheless, there is almost no discussion of this salient fact in print or on the airwaves.

I am perplexed. We were told by the Bush administration that the United States had to go to war with Iraq because of an imminent threat. We were treated to Secretary of State Colin Powell's dramatic performance before the United Nations' Security Council, complete with photos, charts and alleged reports from informers and defectors. We were led to believe not only that there was a threat from various weapons of mass

destruction but that the United States knew precisely where these weapons were.

Now, they cannot find a thing, but no one wants to discuss this.

I am trying to figure out whether this is a case of no one wanting to say that the king has no clothes, or worse, that people and institutions in this society are prepared to leave aside issues of international law because, simply put, the United States won the war, and did so quickly.

Are we prepared to overlook the gross violations of international law because the U.S. military won? That is what I keep wondering. The entire pretext for breaking international law has been called into question by the facts, yet few institutions and notables in the United States seem to have the courage to stand up and say so.

Let's start with the king's new clothes. Even if the Bush administration finds weapons—and one wonders whether they will find weapons regardless of whether they exist or not—

the quick demise of the Iraqi conventional military; the failure of the Iraqis to use weapons of mass destruction against the U.S. and British invaders, even when the Iraqi military was on the verge of destruction; and the failure of the Bush administration to yet find any such weapons should say to us one very simple thing: We, the people of the United States, were chumped. To put it in less street terms, we were victims of a mischaracterization that was aimed at creating fear and panic, and thus encouraging popular support for a war that had no legal justification.

I am concerned, though, that there is this other problem. There are too many people who are acting as if because of the few U.S. casualties and the revelations of human rights abuses by the Saddam Hussein regime, a U.S. invasion was somehow justified. There are two problems here. One, there is neither a time clock on justice, nor can justice be determined based on the number of U.S. casualties. In other words,

the Iraq invasion would not have become less just if the war were to have gone on longer, or if there had been more U.S. casualties. The war was wrong because it broke international law. There is no legal justification for invading a country when there is no imminent threat.

The other problem is that the issue of human rights within Iraq was only raised in the 11th hour as a justification for an invasion, and then repeated after the collapse of the Hussein regime. There is a reason for that. The Bush administration knew that there are U.S. allies that regularly carry out human rights abuses yet are not threatened with a possible invasion. The dismissal of the issue of weapons of mass destruction—when they could not find them—and raising the issue of human rights was a cynical way to appeal for U.S. popular support.

The question that we have to ask ourselves, our friends and our neighbors, is whether their game worked.

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combat cancer specifically breast cancer.

"I am honored to stand alongside you as we fight for excellence in our schools, safety on our streets and a better quality of life for all," said Governor McGreevey.

"Together, we are creating a community that values the contributions of all its citizens regardless of race, gender or creed. And, we are seeing to a society that is sensitive to the everincreasing demands of working families."

"A government for the people and by the people is most effective when all people have the opportunity to participate,"

said Secretary of State Thomas. "By highlighting the programs and services of state government, today's Women's Policy Day is helping to empower women with information and forge a solid foundation on which a better, brighter tomorrow can be built for all people."

"Governor McGreevey understands that great ideas thrive in an atmosphere energized by different perspectives and experiences," said Personnel Commissioner Castro.

"Under this Administration, the percentage of minorities has climbed to an alltime high. Since the Governor assumed office, 32 percent of new hires were minority women."

"I'm proud to be part of an

administration who's fundamental priority is to place qualified women in positions of leadership, influence and policy making in all levels of State Government," said New Jersey Board of Public Utilities President Jeanne M. Fox.

"Since public policy plays such a critical role in shaping the quality of life enjoyed by all New Jerseyans, it is truly encouraging that so many women have taken the time to participate in this program," said Assemblywoman Watson Coleman. "It is our hope that these women will take this valuable information back to their communities for continuing education and advocacy."



Gov. McGreevey addresses packed audience at the State Museum on Women's Policy Day.



Jeanine LaRue, vice-president of Governmental Affairs (far left) with State Democratic Chair, Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson-Coleman (Third from left)



Councilwoman Gayle Chaneyfield-Jenkins, Trish Morris-Yamba and Delores Metz were among those representing Newark.



Tralonne R. Shorter, project specialist for Sen. Lautenberg, Marilyn Davis, Political Action Rep, AFSCME, and Monica Slater Stokes, Senior Manager, Continental Airlines

RICE: Urban people need affordable housing

TRENTON Senator Ronald L. Rice, Democratic Chairman of the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee, recently charged the Camden NAACP with blocking \$73 million in affordable housing development in urban areas of New Jersey.

Senator Rice, DESSEX, called on the Camden NAACP to "Stop being used by suburban developers" in their efforts to control the allocation of federal tax credits for affordable housing. "Right now, there are 600 units of affordable housing at nine projects worth more than \$73 million that are being blocked at a time when housing is needed more than ever," said Senator Rice.

"The Camden NAACP can pursue whatever legal action it chooses, but it should release these projects because they have been approved and the suit is depriving people in need of affordable housing opportunities."

The Camden NAACP and other groups are involved in a federal court action which is challenging the allocation methods used by the Housing Mortgage Finance Agency for distributing the federal tax credits for affordable housing.

"There's something terribly wrong when a chapter of the NAACP is depriving minorities and others of housing opportunities," Senator Rice said. "The legal action is trying to force affordable housing away from cities and into suburban areas."

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SBA wants small business owners to meet the lenders on June 5th

NEWARK, NJ—On Thursday June 5, 2003, New Jersey's small businesses and entrepreneurs will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from several of the U.S. Small Business Administration's top New Jersey lenders to discuss the availability of SBA backed loans for their businesses or new ventures.

The free conference is scheduled to take place from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Baptist Church

Gymnasium, located on 149 Springfield Avenue in Newark.

Participants will find out first hand what lenders look for in a winning loan proposal and will also have the opportunity to meet with as many SBA lenders as they like.

All participants are required to complete a Business Plan Executive Summary. To obtain a copy of the form and to register for this conference, call the Rutgers-Newark Small Business Development Center at (973) 353-5950.

NJ Small Business Development Centers (NJSBDC) Celebrate 25th anniversary with Gala

Newark—The New Jersey Small Business Development Centers (NJSBDC) network celebrates 25 years of helping small businesses grow by hosting a gala fundraising dinner reception Thursday, June 5, 2003 at the Rutgers Center for Law and Justice in Newark.

Key New Jersey leaders Senators Frank Lautenberg and Jon Corzine will be honored as well as SBA Administrator Hector Barreto. Four successful small businesses, started and grown with NJSBDC support, will be honored: Roree Iris-Williams and Sarah Orleans of the Garden State Discovery Museum in Cherry Hill, LeDung Tran of SysPort Systems, Inc. and Hiasun, Inc. in Bridgewater, Tracey Spyhax of Capitol Cities Contracting in Trenton and Malachia Brantley Sr. of Brantley Brothers Moving and Storage in Newark.

Colleges and universities host NJSBDC offices so that

the network covers every county.

The NJSBDC program will honor representatives of the host institutions at Rutgers University, Bergen Community College, Brookdale Community College, Kean University, New Jersey City University, Raritan Valley Community College, The College of NJ, Warren County Community College and William Paterson University will be recognized for their longstanding support of the NJSBDC program.

"The NJSBDC network bridges the gap between the academic, economic development and small business sectors throughout New Jersey," said State Director Brenda B. Hopper.

"We are proud of our track record of success in our first quarter century of operations and would like to invite everyone to come out to celebrate with us on June 5."



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McGreevey strengthens NJ's fight against AIDS

Signs Executive Order creating new council

PATERSON — Governor James E. McGreevey today established a new Advisory Council to strengthen New Jersey's efforts to treat and prevent AIDS.

"To win the fight against AIDS, we must continue to support and enhance the lives of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS through an array of services aimed at prevention and treatment," said

New Jersey ranks fifth in the nation for the number of AIDS cases reported

McGreevey, who signed an Executive Order creating the Governor's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and Related Blood-Borne Pathogens.

"We must continue the collective efforts of individuals, communities, and both the public and private sectors to address HIV/AIDS, to limit its transmission, and to bring quality of life to those with limited access and resources," the Governor said.

The Council will include

representatives from the public sector involved with HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention, as well as representatives from the Legislature, the Attorney General's Office, and the Commissioners of Health and Senior Services, Corrections, Human Services, and Banking and Insurance.

Dr. Bob Johnson, a professor of Adolescent Medicine who specializes in AIDS at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, will serve as Chairman. Ricki Jacobs, Executive Director of the Hyacinth Foundation in New Brunswick, will serve as Vice Chair.

A reconfiguration of the Governor's Advisory Council on AIDS established during the Florio Administration, the new Advisory Council will:

- Coordinate planning, policy development, data collection, resource allocation, and Statewide service delivery activities as they relate to HIV/AIDS and other related blood-borne pathogens;

- Recommend policy, legislation, and other initiatives that address the issues faced by New Jerseyans living with HIV/AIDS; and

Educate citizens on the prevention and treatment of the disease.

McGreevey signed the Executive Order in Paterson,

New Jersey has the highest proportion of women living with AIDS,

where he took part in opening ceremonies for a new housing facility for homeless people with AIDS, to be operated by Straight and Narrow, a non-profit organization providing an array of social services.

The State of New Jersey has a compelling interest in combating Human Immune deficiency Virus ("HIV") and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome ("AIDS") and related blood-borne pathogens.

New Jersey ranks fifth in the nation for the number of AIDS cases reported, has the highest proportion of women living with AIDS, and the third highest number of pediatric AIDS cases. Younger men having sex with men and men having sex with men of color are at a particularly high risk for infection and minority men

having sex with men now account for a majority of AIDS cases reported among men having sex with men.

African-Americans and Latinos are disproportionately impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic in this State; and whereas, forty-six percent of all HIV cases in New Jersey are transmitted through injection drug use. Young adults are the fastest growing group acquiring HIV and related blood-borne pathogens, statistically shown to have been acquired through injection drug use; and whereas of June 2002, the number of AIDS cases in the State totaled 43,051, indicating that the number of New Jersey residents living with AIDS has

New Jersey has the third highest number of pediatric AIDS cases.

more than doubled in less than ten years.

The Governor's executive order will create the Governor's Advisory Council on AIDS.

Health Briefs

10% OF MEN HAVE CHLAMYDIA

One in ten young men is infected with chlamydia - the sexually transmitted disease which can rob women of their fertility.

Research shows five times more men are carrying the infection than previously thought, but 90 percent of them have no symptoms. Chlamydia, if left untreated, can trigger pelvic inflammation in women which can make them infertile or more likely to have an ectopic pregnancy, a potentially life-threatening condition in which the foetus develops outside the womb.

OUT OF SCHOOL, OUT OF INSURANCE

High school and college graduates are often expected to buy their own health insurance soon after graduation.

While young adults between the ages of 19 and 29 make up about 15 percent of the U.S. population, they account for 30 percent of the nation's 41 million uninsured, finds a new report from The Commonwealth Fund.

Health illiteracy costs billions

By Becky Ham, Staff Writer
Health Behavior News Service

WASHINGTON—The cost of health care for some of the more health illiterate patients in the United States is almost 50 percent higher than necessary, according to research reported Wednesday.

Unnecessary hospitalizations, delays in treatment and problems with prescriptions are among the costly problems that crop up when people do not understand their care and doctors fail to reach out to their patients, the research showed.

The numbers add up to between 3 percent and 5 percent of personal health care costs nationwide, said Robert B. Friedland, Ph.D., of Georgetown University, who estimated that \$50 billion to \$73 billion could be saved each year by improving health literacy.

Average health care costs for health illiterate Medicaid patients are 47 percent higher than those for all other patients, he said at an American Medical Association conference on health literacy and communication. Costs for Medicare patients are 12 percent higher, and those with private insurance and poor literacy skills pay almost 10 percent more than other patients.

Betty Walker... hid her problems with filling out forms and reading pamphlets about her diseases by pretending to forget her glasses or waiting until she was home where her children could read to her.

But for 40 million health-illiterate Americans, the problem goes beyond reading a prescription bottle or understanding a doctor's orders. Even the most educated patients can find themselves confused by the complicated information that goes along with modern medicine, he said.

"Earning a college degree in 1925 tells us little about gathering and using information today," said Friedland.

For Ann and Charlie Martin of Louisiana, making sense of their health care is almost a full-time job. The couple, married for 47 years, takes 19 pills between them to manage high blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes. On top of that, they

make all the health care arrangements for Ann Martin's 94-year-old mother and 65-year-old brother.

Ann Martin showed off her checkbook calendar, which she calls her "bible," with its daily reminders to pick up pills and schedule appointments with the family's 11 different doctors.

"She is the one who keeps all of us in this book. If we ever lose this book, we're gone," Charlie Martin said.

Betty Walker, a lupus and rheumatoid arthritis patient with dyslexia, said she hid her problems with filling out forms and reading pamphlets about her diseases by pretending to forget her glasses or waiting until she was home where her children could read to her.

"I was afraid, you know, I was ashamed. And I was angry. Angry! I had all these emotions at one time. It was just hurtful to me that everyone I knew was different from me, everybody I knew could read well," she said.

But Walker said that she is no longer afraid to ask for help.

"We've got to get past the shame of it all. Personally, I've worked past that, but I know that there's a lot of people that haven't," she said.

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E Briefs entertainment news — Kim Bowman

Ex- Idol, Frenchie does Broadway



Frenchie Davis made her Broadway debut on May 16 in the musical "Rent." She opens Act Two singing "Seasons of Love" and she plays ensemble roles as well.

Davis, who was considered a favorite to win "American Idol" (can you picture a final round between big Ruuuben and Frenchie?!), but was kicked off the show when it was discovered that she'd posed for an adult website.

The singer has appeared in other musicals while majoring in theater in college, including "Ain't Misbehavin'" and "Timbuktu!"

LeBron James signs \$90M deal with Nike



High school basketball star LeBron James, signed a \$90 million endorsement with Nike last Thursday. The Ohio native is expected to be the No. 1 NBA pick in next month's draft, according to The Associated Press. This is the largest shoe endorsement deal ever. James is not yet in the NBA and he is already scoring big time bucks.

Dr. Dre's Mom arrested for assault

The mother of Dr. Dre was recently arrested on investigation of assault with a deadly weapon, a felony, after firing a gun at a male friend in her Hidden Hills, CA home. Verna Griffin, 54, allegedly fired the gun in the home that is owned by Dr. Dre. Police said they found the gun in Griffin's car while she was parked at a local gas station. The alleged victim returned to the house with police & Griffin was eventually arrested & released on \$50,000 bail.

Diahann Carroll: Overcoming and Succeeding in Hollywood

By Cheryl Smith

Special to the NNPA from the Dallas Weekly

DALLAS (NNPA)—When Diahann Carroll burst onto the television screen in the early 1960s as the title character, Julia, it was a groundbreaking, trailblazing time.

After nearly 50 years as an entertainer, she is still going strong, having just finished a guest appearance on the hit Showtime series, "Soul Food." Known for taking negatives and turning them into positives, Carroll, during a recent visit to Dallas, talked freely about issues on her mind, including parenting, the rigors of her career, leadership, overcoming cancer, her relationship with her mother, the need for men and women to submit to prostate and mammogram screenings, and racism. Never one to bite her tongue, she told of the need to be tenacious and hardworking, as well as being willing to make sacrifices. "I use failure as a stepping stone," she said. "The most important resource in my life is my self."

Unashamed to tell her age, Ms Carroll also admitted she has seen and done a lot in her nearly 68 years.

Today, unfortunately she is seeing something that causes her concern. She calls this generation the "Taco Bell Generation," where a person's mind functions on the lowest level, with too much television, fast food and drugs, and too little supervision.

"Our culture has deteriorated with children eating junk food, hanging in malls after school and playing video games," said Carroll during an exclusive interview prior to her lecture for "Eclipse Magazine." "We don't have what we had when I was coming along... Some things were not allowed. We didn't eat junk food."

Drugs have played a major part in the erosion of Black communities, according to Carroll, who suggests looking at the real culprits responsible for bringing drugs into Black communities across the country. "We got in deep trouble when we allowed drugs into the country," she explained. "Drugs ruin lives completely. They take the mind, everything, morals, desire for education and just everything." The stories decrying the devastation of Black communities are a source of contention for Carroll because she said she believes that blaming Blacks for the proliferation of drugs in Black communities is nothing short of disingenuous.

"I can't justify drugs



Diahann Carroll

because we (Blacks) don't have money nor airplanes to bring drugs into the country," she explained. "Then they try to lay the blame on the Black community. Drugs diminish love and the caring part of our character."

A mother, actress, singer and lecturer, Carroll was the first speaker in the Eclipse Lecture Series featuring "distinguished African-Americans from across the country, who impact us" locally and globally, according to "Eclipse Magazine" founder and publisher Jimmy Porch. The actress, who was nominated for an Oscar for her role in the independent film, "Claudine," said the lecture series gave her the perfect opportunity to tell about the "damned fabulous life I have had!" Stressing the significance of prayer and loving support in her life, Carroll said holding on to her spirituality and thanking God for giving her a way to understand helped her to succeed and to also deal with her bout with cancer.

"Early diagnosis improved my chance of survival," she said, adding that her experience was more than overwhelming as she dealt with fear, not only for her life, but her career. She pointed out that so many in the entertainment industry conceal their illness, when confronted with cancer.

Noting that image is everything in Hollywood, Carroll said she understood why so many are afraid to share information about illnesses or human frailties.

"I went from the spotlight of fame to the shadow of illness," she recalled, adding that she was "happy" that she went public with her illness. "Cancer still carries a stigma. But I realized that my illness could do a lot of people a lot of good if I made it public."

Today, she said, she was happy to report that her doctors have given her a clean bill of health. "I am well and there is no more cancer. But unfortunately when you hear the word [cancer], it never leaves you."

That is why she is adamant about spreading the importance of early and regular testing. Although many insurance company policies won't pay for mammograms for patients under age 40, Ms. Carroll said she has met many breast cancer survivors who are much younger. "Don't wait until you're 40 to become concerned," she urged. "Early detection can save lives."

Carroll says she enjoys every day of her life. Sure there were sacrifices, she admitted, as she talked about various roles she has played, including being the "first Black bitch on TV" as Dominique Devereaux in the top-rated series, "Dynasty," with co-stars John Forsythe, Joan Collins and Linda Evans.

"I made sacrifices," said Carroll. "There's the irreplaceable time with my daughter, communicating by telephone. My dream for the both of us was the fuel that kept me going," she said proudly of her daughter, who has a master's degree in journalism and became the "first woman in our family with an international higher education."

While it was apparent that Carroll saluted the accomplishment of her Columbia University graduate, she also expressed the need for acknowledging trailblazers.

"We have to acknowledge who went before us," said the grandmother of two, August and Sidney. "And that is what Halle Berry did when she won the Best Actress Oscar last year."

Berry, in her acceptance speech, cited Carroll and the only other African-American Best Actress nominee, Dorothy Dandridge, among other outstanding contemporary actresses, including Angela Bassett and Vivica A. Fox.

Recalling how she got the television role of Julia, Carroll noted that it was not easy and there were barriers.

"I was the only girl on the block when I started," said Carroll. "I had to introduce White people to someone who didn't work in their service. I didn't work in their homes, nor did I aspire to."

Admittedly, there were some tough times, but now the "semi-retired" actress says she is at a time in her life when she enjoys slowing down and smelling the roses.

"When I look back, I feel proud," she said, over loud applause. "We have made so many strides. Your support throughout all of my years has meant so much to me."

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Why Do People Hate America?

Review by Kam Williams

"American corporations and popular culture affect the lives and infect the indigenous cultures of millions around the world. The foreign policy of the US government, backed by its military strength, has unprecedented global influence now that the USA is the world's only superpower - its first hyperpower."

To define the idea of America as The future, everyone's future, is an arrogant denial of the freedom of others, and of the potential of the present to create alternative futures in the complex image of the whole world and all its peoples. Many people DO hate America, in the Middle East and the developing countries as well as in Europe."

An excerpt

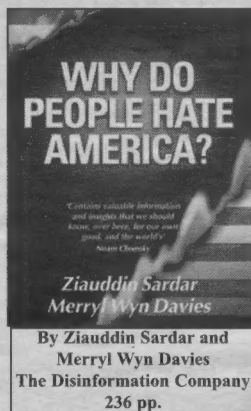
I doubt if most US citizens care, if they're even aware, of the up swell of Anti-American sentiment around the globe. After all, the patriotic fervor and indignation inflamed here by 9-11 has effectively discouraged any inclination towards national introspection. Instead, we are inclined to draw a line in the sand and distill every issue down to a simple, "Are you with us or against us?"

Rather than educate and inform, our media has tended to dismiss the mounting disillusionment with America as an anomaly rather than the norm, even though President Bush declared war on Iraq over the objections of an overwhelming majority of the United Nations. The upshot is that North Korea and Iran stand marked as the part of an Axis of Evil and once staunch allies like France and Germany are alienated for not rubber-stamping Yankee foreign policy.

Anyone interested in understanding how this country has come to have such a low approval rating might want to read *Why Do People Hate America?* by former BBC-TV producer Merryl Wyn Davies and broadcaster Ziauddin Sardar.

Methodically, and in a readily digestible fashion, the pair delineates precisely why they feel the rest of humanity hates Americans. Surprisingly, the authors rely heavily on film analogies to make their points, arguing that Hollywood, with its violence, cowboy mentality and stereotyping of non-white peoples, mirrors an irritating arrogance they see as being at the heart of this culture. So, why is the US hated?

(1) Globalization. "The US has structured the global economy to partially enrich itself and reduce non-Western societies to abject poverty. It systematically



undermines the efforts of the least developed countries to combat poverty and feed their populations."

(2) Colonialism. Fear that the terrifying American arrogance might lead to a "colonization of the future that becomes a total consumption of space and time."

(3) Self-righteousness. "How can the US claim to be the repository of Goodness yet have such disdain for the poor and deny them the basic right to food and water?"

(4) Profits before people. "The US refuses to acknowledge that the right to food, housing, basic sanitation and the preservation of one's own identity are far more important than market forces. It defrauds the least developed countries, thus increasing their poverty."

(5) Injustice. "The OJ Simpson trial highlighted the institutionalized lying that forms the basis of American law for all the world to see."

(6) Hypocrisy: "The Presidential election 'highlighted America's hypocrisy concerning democracy. All the world noted that the US Supreme Court decided the outcome of the election by finding reasons not to recount all of the votes.'"

And so forth. You can air a lot of grievances when you have 200+ pages at your disposal and Sardar and Davies indict everything from militarism to movies to McDonald's as contributing factors. Their solution? "America needs to unwrap itself from the flag," according to the authors. "Since America is both the object and the source of global hatred, it must carry the responsibility of moving us all beyond it." Yeah, that will happen.

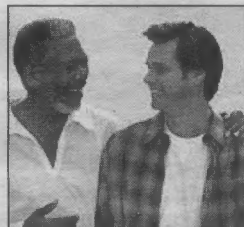
Overall, well researched, highly informative, written in earnest, and with the best of intentions, but nonetheless more likely to aggravate than ameliorate American-rest of the planet relations at this jingoistic juncture in our history.

Bruce Almighty: Jim Carrey still funny in latest variation of his familiar formula

by Kam Williams

How many times has Jim Carrey played that Jekyll and Hyde character, usually a repressed underdog who comes out of his shell after some sort of supernatural intervention? I've lost count. Let's see, there was *The Mask* (1994) where as pushover Stanley Ipkiess he was transformed into an overconfident, macho, man-about-town. In *Liar, Liar* (1997), he played a compulsively lying lawyer who miraculously couldn't help but tell the truth for 24 hours after his son's birthday wish was granted.

And who can forget the similarly split personality-themed *Me, Myself & Irene* (2000) where Carrey was a mild-mannered, but psychotic state trooper with a maniacal alter-ego just itching to emerge. Well, *Bruce Almighty* situates the rubber-faced funnyman in another "free to be me" adventure as unappreciated, TV Reporter Bruce Nolan. This time, the story is set in Buffalo where the under



Morgan Freeman & Jim Carrey appreciated loser gets to be God for a day after cursing the Lord once too often. Even if you haven't seen the spoiler of a commercial, you know the drill.

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Carrey pictures.

The brains behind *Bruce Almighty* is Tom Shadyac, director of *Liar, Liar* and *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* (1994), a man who apparently aspires to not much more than making obvious Jim Carrey vehicles. Who can blame him? He made another winner. As predictable as the experience was, I still found myself laughing so hard.

Although Carrey steals nearly every scene, the film features a few other performances worth noting, namely Morgan Freeman as a natively-attired deity with a good sense of humor, Steve Carell as Evan Baxter, a cursed anchorman who can't get a sentence out straight, and the aforementioned Aniston, who first convinced me that she could act in *Office Space* (1999). If Carrey's brand of comedy is your cup of tea, check your gray matter at the door and you'll howl away for an hour and a half.

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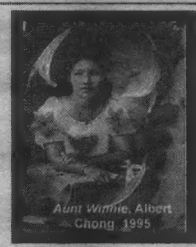
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 Executive Director

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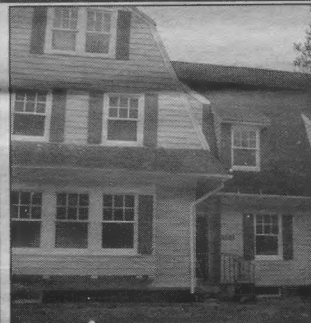
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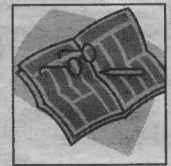
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THURSDAY, JUNE 5

New Brunswick — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar, Wills and Estate Planning Seminar from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square. For more info contact Florence Nathan at 732 937-7518.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Jersey City — New Jersey University presents The 1st Annual "Africana Family Festival", a free outdoor festival celebrating the rich diversity of African diaspora from 11:00am - 4:00pm at NJCU, 2039 Kennedy Blvd. For more info call NJCU's Lee Hagan African Studies Center at 201 200-3524.

Montclair — The Urban League of Essex County will host a Youth/Family Summit "Raising the Standards: A Positive View in the Urban Community" at Montclair State University, Student Center from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Def Jam talents and Co-Founder Russell Simmons will be present. Teens and parents are encouraged to come. For more info call 973-624-9535 ext.118.

Newark — Come celebrate Community Family Unity Day at Waset Kommunity, 271 South 9th Street (Corner of 13th Ave). Fun for all, and free. For more info call 973 489-0660.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 — SEPT, 8

Jersey City — Liberty Science Center presents an exhibit of Sue a Tyrannosaurus Rex. For more info call 201-200-1000.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Newark — E. Alma Flagg Scholarship Fund, Inc of Newark will host its 2003 Awards Program at Weequahic Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth Ave. and Chancellor Ave, at 3:00pm. NJ Scholarships will be presented to college bound graduates of six Newark High Schools. Service awards will be given to three adult citizens. For information contact Mrs. Josephine C. Wilson at 973 926-3825.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 — JULY 30

Cranford — Union College will offer a "Effective Writing" 8-week non-credit course from 6:30 PM to 8:30PM to enhance your writing skill and career marketability. For

more info call the College's division of Continuing Education at 908 709-7600.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 — JUNE 15

South Orange — AND 1 presents The Second Annual 2003 High School Basketball Championship comes to Seton Hall University. For more info call 610-249-BALL.

MONDAY, JULY 14 — JULY 18

Newark — Scarlet Raiders Boys summer basketball camp ages 7 to 18 at Rutgers Golden Dome Athletic Center begins in July. First session is from July 14 -18 and the second session is August 4 - 8. For more info call Joe Loughran of Scarlet Raiders at 973-353-5474 ext. 223.

Heartbeat

ONGOING — JUNE 6

East Orange — The East Orange YMCA, 100 No. Arlington Ave. will sponsor a caregiver support workshop from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. For more info call 973-673-5518 or Pat Yannacci at 201-460-1600.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Belleville — Clara Maass will host a free seminar on shoulder pain in the Belleville Founders Room at 10:30 p.m. For more info call 973-450-2213.

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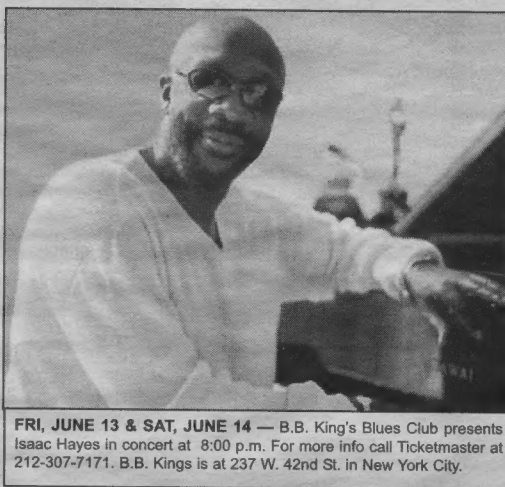
St. Barnabas Health Care System will offer several maternity and parent education classes at Newark Beth Israel, Clara Maass and St. Barnabas. For more info please call each hospital directly for class schedules, dates, costs and to register. Clara Maass-Women's Health Center at 973-450-2890; Newark Beth Israel-Parent Education at 973-926-2642 and St. Barnabas-Women's Health Department at 973-322-5360.

Newark — Beth Israel Medical Center offers free program, "Look Good, Feel Good" for women dealing with the effects of Cancer treatment and need assistance with their make-up and hair styling. For more info call 973-926-7609.

Business

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4 — 6

Somerset — Rutgers University will host an advanced management development program at the Double Tree Hotel and Conference Center, 200 Atrium Dr. The session will be repeated Oct. 13-17 and Dec. 1-5. For more



FRI, JUNE 13 & SAT, JUNE 14 — B.B. King's Blues Club presents Isaac Hayes in concert at 8:00 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171. B.B. Kings is at 237 W. 42nd St. in New York City.

info and fee call 732-445-5526.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Newark — New Jersey Small Business Development Center will host a workshop "Meet the Lenders" at Metropolitan Baptist Church (Gym) 149 Springfield Ave. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info call 973-353-5950.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

North Branch — New Jersey Small Development Centers along with Raritan Valley Community College will sponsor the 12th Government Procurement Expo from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Raritan Valley Community College's Advanced Tech. Center. For more info call 973-353-5960.

ONGOING

Newark — The Women's Center of Essex County College is sponsoring a series of seminars, support groups during Spring 2003 Semester. For more info call 973-877-3395.

Artz

ONGOING

Newark — Maize Restaurant presents Sweet and Low Thursdays featuring vocalist Denise Hamilton from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. For more info call 973-639-1200.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Newark — NJPAC presents The Jeffrey Carollo Scholarship Winners in recital at 7:00 p.m. in a free concert. These musicians, selected by audition, ranging in age from ten to seventeen, have been studying piano, violin and chamber music at the Newark School of the Arts. For more info call Marie Thompson at 973 642-8989x8043

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 — SUNDAY, JULY 27

Millburn — Paper Mill Theatre presents the musical Grease. For more info call 973-376-4343.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

New York — B.B. King's Blues Club presents Arrested Development in concert at 8:00 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5 — 29

Montclair — Luna Stage presents "Sandpilot" The premiere of a powerful new drama by Ron McLarty, directed by Victoria Pero and starring Cary Barker and Richard Edward Lang. For more info call 973 744-3309. Luna's Stage, 695 Bloomfield Ave.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Union — Kean University presents it's Concerned Black Personnel Organization-Concert Series back by popular demand "Colonel Abrams" and Company. For more info call Kean Box Office 908 737-4355, Kean University, Wilkins Theatre, Union, NJ.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Montclair — New Jersey Music Society presents Brahms Dohnanyi and Beethoven, an evening of classic music at 8:00 p.m. at the Montclair Art Museum. For more info call 973-746-6068.

Plainfield — Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents "Rhythm & Blues By the Brook" musicfest from 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Cedar Brook Park. For more info call 908-436-2900.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Montclair — Luna Stage presents Project Open Mic Night Poets at

7:30 p.m. Writers, singers, songwriters and all members of the community are invited to participate in this evening of sharing personal stories and artistic works inspired by the question: "What does it mean to be an American?" The event will be videotaped for possible inclusion in a multimedia theatrical piece being developed by Jane Mandel, Luna's Artistic Director. For info call 973 744-3309, Luna Stage, 695 Bloomfield Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Plainfield — United Trust will host a small business state tax workshop from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at United Trust Community Education Center, 209 West Second St. For more info call Dorothe Pollard at 908-753-7364.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

Newark — Newark Museum presents Jazz in the Garden from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. For more info call 973-596-6493.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 — 28

New York — George Wein & Festival Productions presents the JVC Jazz Festival at various venues in New York City. For more info call 212-501-1390 or visit <http://www.festivalproductions.net>.

SUN, JUNE 15 & MON, JUNE 16

New York — B.B. King's Blues Club presents the father of Blues himself, B.B. King in concert at 8:00 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

THURS, JUNE 19 & FRI, JUNE 20

New York — B.B. King's Blues Club presents The Neville Brothers in concert at 8:00 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

Religion

ONGOING

Newark — Greater Service Fellowship Church invites you to Sunday morning service at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday Bible study at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, come get the answers. For more info call 973-848-1711.

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Thousands of school children on track to jail

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ticularly children of color — by:

- Criminalizing trivial offenses and pushing children out of the school system and into the juvenile justice system, making them less likely to graduate and more likely to end up back in the juvenile or criminal system; and,

- Turning schools into prison-like “secure environments,” replete with drug-sniffing dogs, metal detectors, and uniformed law enforcement personnel, which lowers morale and makes learning more difficult.

The report documented dramatic spikes in student arrests in some places, for example there was a 300 percent jump between 1999 and 2001 in the Miami-Dade Schools. In other districts, the numbers of arrests were staggering. In 2001, arrests in the Houston Independent School District and Baltimore City Public Schools totaled 1,959 and 845, respectively. In Palm Beach County, Florida, 1,287 arrests were made by school police in 2001 alone. Across the board, a common thread exists, that a majority of these arrests are for minor conduct such as disorderly conduct, “miscellaneous,” and simple assaults, previously handled by schools and parents. Children of color are often disproportionately impacted as is the case in places like South Carolina, Miami-Dade, Pinellas

County (FL), and Palm Beach County.

In Palm Beach County, Florida, the report looked beyond the numbers, focusing on the school administrator, and police attitudes behind them, finding stark contrast between official perspective on these policies and actual experience of parents, public defenders and students.

The following examples illustrate the extreme reaction to minor offenses that are causing a growing number of students to be derailed into the juvenile justice system.

- In Palm Beach County, Florida, a student was arrested and charged with “throwing a deadly missile” for having an egg in his pocket on Halloween.

- In Indianola, Mississippi, elementary school students have, been arrested and taken to the local jail for talking during assembly.

- In San Francisco, two 12-year old best friends had an argument; one later threatened to beat up the other. She was arrested and charged with making “criminal threats.” This 6th grader was detained at juvenile hall and referred to juvenile court on the charge.

- In New Jersey, two elementary school boys were arrested and charged with terrorism for

playing cops and robbers with paper guns.

“Students, who engage in truly criminal behavior such as murder, serious violence, or the sale or possession of illicit drugs, should be subjected to criminal charges — as they were even before zero tolerance became the watchword,” continued Browne. “However, students should not be deprived of an education and a future by being derailed into the juvenile justice system for minor acts.”

Statistics show that youth violence has declined and that schools remain the safest places for children. From 1997 to 2000, nonfatal crimes against students dropped by 44 percent; for the same period serious violent crimes (rape, sexual assault, robbery or aggravated assault) declined 43 percent.

“Laws must be changed through statutory fixes and, if necessary, litigation to reduce the number of petty cases that schools refer to the juvenile justice system to ensure that students’ rights are protected,” concluded Browne. “As policymakers attempt to “Leave No Child Behind,” reducing the criminalization of students by their schools should be a top priority. This runaway train must be stopped.”

Same-day voter registration sought

To give every resident the opportunity to participate in the democratic process, Assembly Deputy Speaker Nellie Pou and Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman announced the introduction of a bill that would allow voter registration on election day.

“Democracy is strengthened by active voter participation,” said Pou (D-Passaic). “No one should ever be shut out of the process.”

The measure (A-3558) would enable eligible voters to register to vote at a municipal clerk’s office on the day of municipal, primary or general elections.

Currently, the deadline to register is 29 days prior to election day. “There are many instances in which citizens are

unable to make the 29-day deadline, such as in the case of college students, people who just turned 18, and new residents,” said Watson Coleman (D-Mercer). “In an age of instantaneous communications and high-speed computers, voter registration should be achievable in a matter of minutes instead of days.”

Under the Pou/Watson Coleman bill, applicants would be required to show identification, fill out voter registration forms, and submit affidavits declaring they are not already properly registered to vote, they have not previously voted in an election being held that day, and they will not vote again on the election day they file their registrations.

Urban people need affordable housing

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State’s annual allocation of federal low-income housing tax credits to promote rental construction. “The court action has blocked development on projects already approved by the HMFA in 2002,” Senator Rice said. The Senate Democrat said Newark, where he also serves as deputy mayor, is under federal court order to develop affordable housing. At the same time, the suit by the

Camden NAACP is holding up a Newark project by M&M Development which has approval for federal tax credits on a \$5.5 million, 44-unit development on two buildings at Shephard Avenue and Osborne Terrace in the city’s South Ward. Other development projects being held up are in Trenton, Orange, Elizabeth, Union City, two in Bridgeton, Jersey City and Paterson.

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